IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship" BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES May 4, 2015

May 4, 2015 Boise, Idaho

Minutes - Monday, May 4, 2015

Call to Order - Chairman Correll

Chairman Correll called the Teleconference meeting to order at 2:23 PM MST, May 4, 2015. The Chairman directed a roll call. Board Members in attendance and via the phone were:

Charles Correll Randy Doman Jean McDevitt Robert Hansen

Also present or on the phone during all or portions of the meeting were the following individuals:

Stephen Goodson Steve Strack Matt Warnock – DFM Director Langhorst Adam Straubinger – IDPR Staff Jim Thomas – IDPR Staff Garth Taylor – IDPR Staff Betty Mills – IDPR Staff Anna Canning – IDPR Staff

Discussion on Billingsley Creek:

Director Langhorst gave a brief update and background on the Billingsley Creek Project. The Director commented that in the last Budget cycle in this Legislative Session, we presented a budget request that the Board approved last Fall, that included \$265,000 to be spent at Billingsley Creek. \$100,000 of that was to be spent as an update to the Equestrian Center, \$145,000 was to remodel the Garden Center, \$20,000 was to repair the Red Barn and a separate request from another fund of \$75,000 for a group shelter. None of these items were funded based on the belief by DFM and JFAC that IDPR's long term vision was not clear enough. Based on Mr. Thomas' presentation during the November 2014 Board meeting, the Director appointed a task force, which Ms. Canning chaired, to come up with additional information on this topic and come up with a cohesive vision. Ms. Canning sent the Board an outline of this vision for their review. The Director understands that the Board may have been surprised by some of what they read and may now have new thoughts they want to pursue and that is why we are here today. IDPR does not have anything new to present at today's meeting but are here to help facilitate this discussion in any way we can.

Chairman Correll stated the Board needs to know what direction to give staff to proceed. Mr. Doman emphasized that the Board is trying to get this right and not pointing fingers at IDPR staff as not doing their job. He is not sure that they did their job as a Board to create their ideas very clearly. He would like to schedule a meeting to sit down with the appropriate people and start visualizing what we can do and should be doing at Billingsley Creek. The Director thought if the Board felt as though IDPR staff was

trying to move fast on this project, it was because we were trying to salvage a vision for Billingsley Creek to start work on the upcoming budget year. We do have time to include this planning money for next year's budget. We are formulating our budget now.

The Board concurred to request a facilitator to attend a portion of the August 2015 Board meeting. This will allow time for them to wrap up today's discussion during a separate meeting on or around July 1, 2015.

Mr. Hansen moved to table the Board's previous motion from the April 22-23, 2015 Board meeting regarding Billingsley Creek and the approval of the money for it and move ahead with the July 1st meeting. This would allow them time to wrap up today's discussion and use a portion of the August meeting to work with the facilitator to assist with drawing up the final report. Mr. Doman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doman. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Charles Correll, Chair

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David R. Langhorst, Director Ex-Officio Member of the Board